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Buchanan's latest with us!

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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer Many of you
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**Upcoming Event – RACC Annual
Restaurant Week**

Buchanan's 3rd Annual Restaurant Week March
24-31 with Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce
Shared by Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce
March is Restaurant Month in Warren County.
Buchanan eateries are...

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**Upcoming Event – Buchanan's 15th Annual
Chili Walk**

Buchanan's 15th Annual Chili Walk Sponsored by the
Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce In Partnership
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023
5:00PM - 7:00PM
BUCHANAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce,...

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**28th Annual Buchanan Community
Upcoming Event – 28th Annual Empty
Bowls Event**

EMPTY BOWLS

28th Annual Community Empty Bowls Event with
RAM, BCS, and Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan Donate
\$5 SOUP and CHILI Take-out Meal
Including macaroni and cheese for the kids & vegetarian soup option

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 4:00 - 7 P.M.
BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL AUXILIARY GYM

March 18, 2023
March 18, 2023 bowl, take home supper and HELP FIGHT HUNGER!
All profits will be donated to Redbud Area Ministries' Food Pantry.
Sponsored by Buchanan Community Schools and Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Buchanan's Easter Egg Hunt

**Upcoming Event – Buchanan Annual Easter
Egg Hunt 2023**

Saturday, April 8th
Starting 11:00 A.M.
At
Buchanan Common
(Rain, Snow or Sunshine Please Dress for the Weather)

Buchanan Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2023 Buchanan
High School Leo Club is once again organizing the
Buchanan Community Easter Egg Hunt and is looking
for your help!

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**Prizes in each age group!
Visit from the Easter Bunny!**

Age Groups:
3 and under, 4-5 years old,
6-7 years old, 8 and above
All Age Groups will start together

Sponsored by: Buchanan High School Leo Club



Upcoming Event – Preschool/Kindergarten Registration

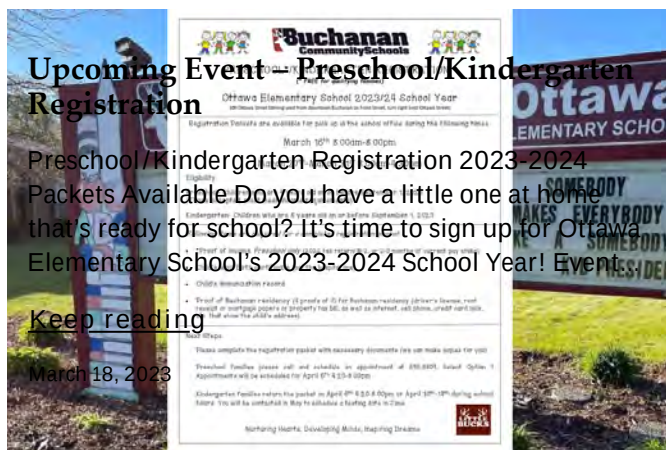
Ottawa Elementary School 2023/24 School Year

Preschool/Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024

Packets Available Do you have a little one at home that's ready for school? It's time to sign up for Ottawa Elementary School's 2023-2024 School Year! Event:

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Upcoming Event – Community Good Friday Service 2023

2023 Community Good Friday Service Shared by Buchanan Area Ministerial Association Join us as we observe Good Friday together as a community. This is an amazing time to observe, reflect, and pray.

Time to observe 6:00 PM hosted at Buchanan Church of the Nazarene

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Upcoming Event – St. Anthony 2023 Spring Bazaar Food Drive

St. Anthony Annual Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2023 Submitted by St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan Event Details:

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Upcoming Event – BCS Plow Day 2023

Buchanan School Farm's 26th Annual Plow Day and Pancake Breakfast

Come One, Come All, to the 26th Annual Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast

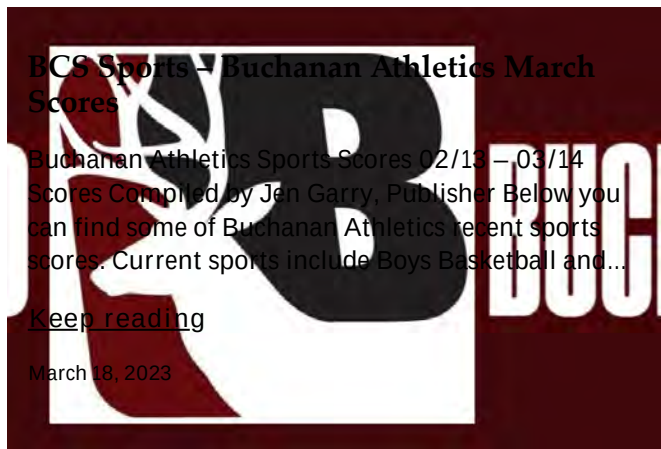
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Remembering – Obituary for Dr. Carol Sawyer

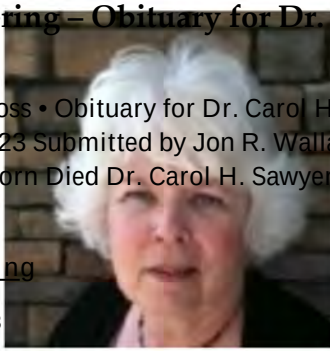
Buchanan Loss • Obituary for Dr. Carol H. Sawyer •

March 11 2023 Submitted by Jon R. Wallace, PhD

Name Age Born Died Dr. Carol H. Sawyer 78 May 27, 1944 - Mar 27, 2023

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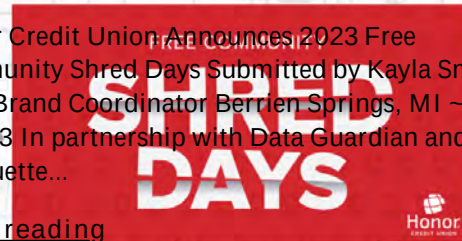


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Honor Credit Union Announces 2023 Free Community Shred Days Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator Berrien Springs, MI ~ March 7, 2023 In partnership with Data Guardian and Marquette...

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Local Opinion – Dogs and Responsibility

Pick Up After Your Dog Submitted by Steve Raglin

There are many new residents and visitors to downtown Buchanan and everyone seems to have a dog. Please be a good...

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Submitted by Deanna Russell, Buchanan Band and Choir Director Buchanan Bands: Your Buchanan Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Band earned Straight Division...

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Local Faith – BAMA Meeting March 2023

March BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap Submitted by Rachel Holloway Hi Everyone! Thank you to Jan and Dave for hosting us! It was a fabulous morning! Those in attendance were Brendan...

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Buchanan Community Schools
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Puzzler Page – Issue 48

Puzzler Page – Issue 48 by Garrick Stubblefield Hello all and I hope you all have been having fun with the puzzles I've been doing for you and the chronicle....

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A Trip to Our Local Family Dollar by Garrick Stubblefield My wife, the grandkids, and myself went to Family Dollar to do some shopping. As we were in the car,...

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Remembering – Issue 48

Remembering – Issue 48 Buchanan Losses •
02/28-03/12 Name Age Born Died Susan Tarbutton
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A Note from the Editor – Issue 48

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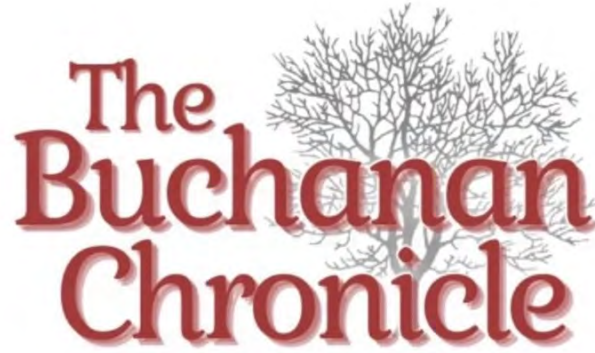
2022 Turns to 2023 at Midnight on New Year's Eve in Downtown Buchanan, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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Buchanan Community Schools – 2023 Bond Proposal Information

Buchanan Community Schools

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- First major renovation to BHS in 30+ years
- Create collaborative spaces

OVERHAUL HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS

- More efficient buildings mean reducing energy use and cost
- Updated systems reduce expenditures on maintenance and repairs
- Raise air quality
- Improve the overall health of staff and students

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- Install elevator at Moccasin
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UPDATE CLASSROOMS

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- Increase storage
- Improve physical instructional resources

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- Auditorium lighting, sound, and curtains

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Student Health and Wellness Center
Athletic Offices and Cure Entry
Cafeteria Expansion
Flooring Replacement
ADA Restroom Upgrades
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2023 BCS Bond Proposal Interviews and Information

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Many of you, in our Buchanan, MI community know about the Buchanan Community Schools (BCS) Bond Proposal Vote coming up May 2, 2023. There are probably others in our community that may not know about it yet, as well as those who need more information on the proposal and its details. School systems often utilize a bond as a way to finance necessary projects. It works like a loan from the state to the school district that the citizens of that district agree to come together to pay off through property tax millage calculations. This is how many communities provide adequate, safe, and accessible school facilities for their students, staff, and community.




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2023 BCS Bond Proposal flyer

Purpose of the project:

Give students modern facilities

Overhaul heating and cooling systems

Boost safety and security

Update classrooms

Create purposeful learning and activity spaces

Keep on track with approved district goals

Serve the community by proactively building to function far into the future

During the last couple of weeks, Jen Garry (Publisher) and I sat down with members of the BCS Board of

Education, a teacher, some of the administration, as well as the principals of Moccasin Elementary and Buchanan High School, and some of the Bond Proposal Committee to ask questions about the details of the bond. As you read this informative article, you will see facts and history as to why this vote is happening.

For you and us to understand or relate to some of them, we asked if they are alumni of BCS and/or a parent of a BCS student? If so, what year and what grade/school does your child(ren) attend? And what boards/how involved are you with BCS?

Carrie Franklin of the Bond Proposal Committee, is a 1992 BCS graduate, and currently has a Senior and two Sophomores at BHS.

Board of Education member Katie Berry is new to the facilities committee and other committees within the board, is on the Parent Advisory Council, both her husband and her are Buchanan alumni of the classes of 1997 and 1999 (Katie). She has two girls who are a Freshman and a 6th grader.

Harvey Burnett, President of BCS Board of Education, has had his kids attend BCS.

BCS Board of Education Vice President, Ruth Writer started teaching at Buchanan in 1974 as a teacher of adult ed, substitute teacher at BHS, 2 sons from BHS in 1993 and 2000, she's been on the board since 2012, when her term is up she will have been there for more than half of BCS history. Ruth was involved with the retrofit of the auxiliary gym, gathered history of the BHS for the centennial celebration, and she loves Buchanan while having been around 4-4.5K students.

Principals Michael Babcock of Moccasin and Brian Pruett of BHS, Mark Kurland Director of Operations, Superintendent Patricia Robinson, 2nd grade teacher Lisa Gregory, and Carrie Brunsting of the Business Office were interviewed for this article as well.

What is one or two things that decided for some of these people to be on the executive board for the bond committee?

"My parents passed down their love for Buchanan and being an active participant in volunteering, especially when the schools and children are involved. It's easy to sit back and wait for change, but it takes people willing to advocate for change to make it happen. My children will be out of the school system by the time the updates are complete. It's simply about doing what's right and making Buchanan a better place to live," stated Carrie Franklin.

Katie Berry says, "I love the community and keep the schools strong, maintaining them and they need some love."

Ruth Writer told us, "I have been on the bond committee since we came here in 1974 but as a Board of Education member and facilities member, I know all the nooks and crannies at the high school and at Moccasin."

The goal for this bond

"Is so much more than updating the old buildings. It's about providing a safe and cultivating environment for our students and staff," stated Carrie.

"To take care of the infrastructure, the needs, there were some wants in November and now the proposal is really focused on the needs. It is also to attract teachers to be employed here," said Katie.

BCS Board of Education President Harvey Burnett said, "Upgrades at the high school and at Moccasin are needed projects, for safety, accessibility, and cost of upkeep."

Ruth Writer states, "Buildings need to be updated, are ready to meet the next generation of students; we haven't had a major renovation since 1993 – 30 years of technology, HVAC, and windows. Moccasin is as old as I am; we have to be competitive; and for the well-being and safety of the students."

"Everything in this bond proposal was looked over from our community survey, and we listened to them and focused on the safety and well-being for the students and staff," as Superintendent Patricia Robinson stated.

BHS Principal Brian Pruett said that "The main entrance and side entrance at the student parking lot can be confusing to visitors who come to the school and want to use the doors on the west side of the school that isn't always monitored. So, turning that into a safe and monitored area will be nice. As well as having a fitness and wellness center and a common large space for students."

What are you most excited about for the bond?

Carrie shared, "As I dug in deeper as part of the committee, I've heard many people explain their 'Why'. I knew our schools were in need of repair, but it wasn't until I heard story after story of their accounts of limitations, work-arounds and safety concerns that I truly understood how badly this bond is needed."

2nd grade teacher Lisa Gregory states that, "Not all of the outlets in my classroom work and there's not

enough of them, Mr. Place (our tech guy) agrees with me, and I have to use extension cords to accommodate all the other things that need to be plugged in. Also storage is often provided by teachers with their own money as we don't have much space for storage."

Director of Operations, Mark Kurland said, "When each student has a chrome book, inevitably they don't all get charged at home/or on time in the classroom, and then some chrome books need charging all at one time with the need for working outlets to be plugged in, so electrical cords and power strips are also used in the back of rooms where there are a limited amounts of outlets."

"Grades being back aligned, it served the needs and see the challenges that came with it. The students and the teachers have the needs for today and not when they were built," said Katie.

"The expense to build new buildings would be way more than upgrading our existing buildings, upgraded educational learning spaces at the high school and in the present day of education, and upgrades of the aging HVAC system. Same with Moccasin, bringing learning spaces and tools into this century, and going back to grade centers and spacing for 2nd – 5th grade to be there. Bring it more to aesthetics to teaching. Feels like a great place to learn and be upgraded. The track to be updated and safety issues when using tracks." stated Harvey.

Mr. Babcock, principal of Moccasin, says, "There is a need for more spaces for uninterrupted learning that happens one-on-one, the library and music share space, meetings have to happen in our hallways, and even my office is shared space."

Ruth said from her history of BCS, "Moccasin: realigning back to more traditional grade levels, it has been a decade at least and things are different. HVAC is always a key and nowadays we are more aware of the importance of ventilation; I taught 60 kids in the high school auditorium while students wore hats, coats, gloves, or were sweltering, so this is huge. We've managed to get a great bang for our buck with the High School, as we spent \$200,000 over 100 years ago (equivalent to \$3.2 million today). If we don't make these changes now it's going to go up to 300 million. The natural lighting is huge and more of a well-being. Windows were good when we put them in during 1982, but not sure if we did in the 1993 retrofitted. Science wing has not been upgraded since 1963. Added the auxiliary gym in 2004 of the Title 9 movement made due for 30 years, responding to the things that need to be done is a good tradition. ADA did not exist when these buildings were built. And for the health & safety concern of our students."

Carrie Brunsting of the Business Office states that, "while we have these mechanical repairs to plumbing that is old, we have to pay a higher price for those parts as they are not easily accessible to get as if we were to get new plumbing and needed the repair, the part would be readily available to get and not cost as much as well as using human resources and time for these repairs." Director of Operations, Mark Kurland says "There are 39 bulbs in the BHS gym that are not LED. Boilers are over 30 years old and most are 25 years max. They are inspected and are working as expected, and all of the HVAC is stamped with '93, BHS duct points are not good, some are on the outside wall to freeze 5 – 6 pipes. Air conditioning in the offices are 30 years old. The pipes that burst during winter break this year were only repaired and not replaced."

A new science lab at BHS will also be more cost effective and be up-to-date to today's standards so when students take science classes at college, they will know what to expect. "The current faucets need to be replaced, smells come from the current labs out into the hallways due to old plugs and drains," said Brian Pruett.

Can you explain the work to be done in the BHS auditorium as not many people may understand the extent of it?

Harvey Burnett wants everyone to know that "Not a whole stage will be worked on, but working on seating as it's older and to be more comfortable; more presentable to what we can afford."

Ruth Writer told us she taught "4 classes a day 85 minutes a day in one semester, taught law, Steve Bender taught law and combined to be a speech and law class. The classroom to hold 50 students of the seniors (2 classes). Lighting is abysmol, some seats don't work and haven't for years, curtains, sound, video. ADA seating in the back for grandparents/others. We need to use it more in an effective way."

The auditorium is used in many ways: board of education meetings, drama, choir and band concerts, the Miss Buchanan Scholarship Pageant, and speaker presentations. The curtains have definitely fulfilled their duty as they are showing their wear and tear quite easily.

How did a sinkhole develop under the BHS football field?

Ruth Writer gave us a history lesson on this piece of the property: "Property was originally the nursery for Clarke Equipment and was a showplace/farm. In 1947 after WWII a group of mens citizens purchased land from a gardener, 75 years later, what's underneath it. Drainage has been old, concessions stand in water in 2001, both sides

of the bleachers have bad drainage, probably is why the sinkhole developed.”

BHS Principal, Mr. Pruett has also filled in holes with dirt on the field before games are played.

“Maintenance is expensive on that field and wear and tear over time, and we want to maintain the program and to host other cross country and track events.” stated Harvey.

The track is also a concern for safety as it has been coated a couple of times. It is not safe to run on for meets. To have a track meet at BHS, the track needs to be updated.

How much is this bond? And for how long?

“We have 24 years of outstanding have reduced back in bonds in refinancing and a capital project,” stated Harvey.

“34 million \$7....20-30 year,” said Ruth Writer.

Will there be a calculator to do an estimate on property taxes for the citizens of Buchanan?

Carrie Franklin did her homework on this as she told us, “I ran 3 scenarios and verified to see the tax impact this would have on Buchanan citizens. I was actually higher than the median income in Buchanan for the scenario of the general citizen. I used \$60k income, when I’m told it’s around \$43k. And, for disabled and seniors, I used a \$100k valued house and \$25k income which is a little high for Social Security. As you can see, Disabled will have a \$0 impact, and Seniors will only see a \$16 dollar estimated annual increase. So, those on fixed income will NOT suffer when the bond passes.”

Katie Berry compares it to the last tax calculator, “This one does a better job to compute what the additional tax will be. We have a new website being launched on March 13, <https://www.buchananschools.com/bond-2023/>”.

BCS Board of Education President Harvey Burnett states, “I think it’s reasonable when talking about investment and everyone is different for financial situations people are in. There are some things that we can’t do financially. Have been maintaining responsibility and a thing called aging, and at some point you have to make an investment and upgrading our academic environments and for it to be there for some more time, multi-purpose. Not all desks are in rows, and be adaptable and encourage learning and engagement. Be as fiscally as responsible as possible and meeting the needs of the students with that. Maintaining and running the district for those that come into the future. Haven’t had to go borrow money to make payroll or make ends meet. Doing with what we can with what we have.”

How would you tell someone that doesn’t like change in the grade centers of going from a 2nd – 4th to 2nd – 5th grade level, BMS to go to 6th – 8th and BHS to go to 9th – 12th when it’s been the opposite for a long time and it worked for them way back when?

“All 3 of my children were in the reconfigured grade levels when they were rolled out. In my opinion, it was done when Stark school was closed, and they had to make a decision of where the students would best fit with the remaining buildings. I haven’t talked to one parent that likes the grades split as they are today. I feel that the 8th graders are impacted the most. They can no longer participate in normal Middle School activities such as dances, field trips, etc. They are invited to the High school Homecoming dance, but is that truly appropriate for 8th graders and 12th graders to be comingling at that age? The benefit of advanced 8th graders being able to take upper level classes with the high schoolers only benefits a few. We need to look at the whole picture when determining what is age appropriate. Sure some may be academically ready, but are they truly emotionally and socially ready at the age of 13 or 14?” states Carrie.

“As a parent and 5th & 8th grade; 8th grade being excluded.” Katie Berry voiced.

“Stark closed about 10 years ago. The cost of maintaining the building and technology needs weren’t good. Going to grade centers based on size of student body and more responsible fiscal wise and all teachers together. History of Stark named after someone. Michigan was losing students. Who really likes change, nobody. If you want to push towards growth then you have to deal with change and resiliency. Education and how teaching is delivered has changed. We have to adapt to needs. To learn and engage and be part of a diverse and global community and meet those needs.” explained Harvey Burnett.

Is there a way for a lift chair to be put in at the stairs in Moccasin if no elevator gets in? If not, why?

Ruth Writer stated, “With the grade levels, teachers’ classrooms are being moved from the 2nd floor to the 1st floor to accommodate any students with disabilities; and not just students, having no elevator and multiple floors impacts the rest of the staff, parents, grandparents, and students on both levels in any special classes. Everyone should be able to move throughout the entire building with ease to access the full educational experience.”

Moccasin Elementary has three students currently that need additional assistance. One of the students has to leave ten minutes early from a class, to make it to another class and they don't always get to their next class on time, so they are still losing that valuable learning time. Past teachers have had to move their entire classroom down to the first floor to accommodate students' needs, which is then hard on them as well as any help they get from custodians, staff and students. Yes, they have adapted and functioned since 1948, but to be ADA compliant and accessible to all who enter the building, an elevator is a necessity.

How many times has BCS voted on getting an elevator in Moccasin and why did it not pass?

"Never had a push for an elevator. We never retrofitted Moccasin. ADA bathrooms are not in Moccasin, there are small bathrooms, people come in with all disabilities and need access to all facilities. BHS was retrofitted with an elevator in the 90's," Ruth states.

Will there be multiple tours of Moccasin and BHS? If so, when?

Informational meetings and tours will be April 6 in the Moccasin Elementary gym at 6:00pm; April 20 at the BHS auditorium at 6:00pm "to see the many broken or outdated things for yourself, there are only so many bandages and duct tape you can apply before we're fixing things are just broken and need replaced. If we don't make the necessary changes now while we can, then what will happen to the 75 and 100 year old buildings?" said Ruth Writer.

As we closed our interviews with everyone, we asked them if there is anything else that you would like for our community to know that we didn't ask you.

Carrie Franklin told us, "I highly encourage anyone that voted against the bond in November to examine their 'Why' and review the components of this bond which have been altered based on the feedback received. The committee has been working on this referendum since November 9th when the first bond was turned down. They truly listened and adjusted the components accordingly. They did their research, held countless meetings with key stakeholders and are not giving up on fulfilling the needs of our school system. Be an informed voter, come to the informational sessions, tour the existing buildings, run your tax scenario and know the facts before voting No against our school system."

Katie Berry said, "Buchanan has a perfect sense of community and the schools represent that and a continued sending to school and a sense of pride. Why not build new schools is what's more beyond and a much larger amount."

Harvey Burnett says, "We have the best we can offer, and an awesome community. Go VOTE! If you need more information, and want to ask questions it is highly considered to take a risk."

Lastly, Ruth Writer stated, "This is for all students, all staff, all community. Gyms: Moccasin elementary size gymnasium/recreational hockey/jr bucks basketball, and a new floor in the auxiliary gym, basketballs don't bounce and there are new floors. Media center on the main floor, safety secure at Moccasin, new cafeteria in place of current cafeteria, not doing turf. First time asking the community for input on a bond. The letter "B herd" listened to the voters and adjusted. Student health and wellness center; Auditorium fine arts minded for those not athletically minded; face lift of paint door similar at the middle school and Ottawa, grade level, Moccasin would get more than half of the bond. Spend the bucks for the Bucks! Personal interaction is so important."



Future Plans for Moccasin Elementary School, Image provided by BCS



Future Plans for Buchanan High School, Image provided by BCS



About Buchanan Community Schools: Public School system for Buchanan, Michigan area. Our vision is to develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

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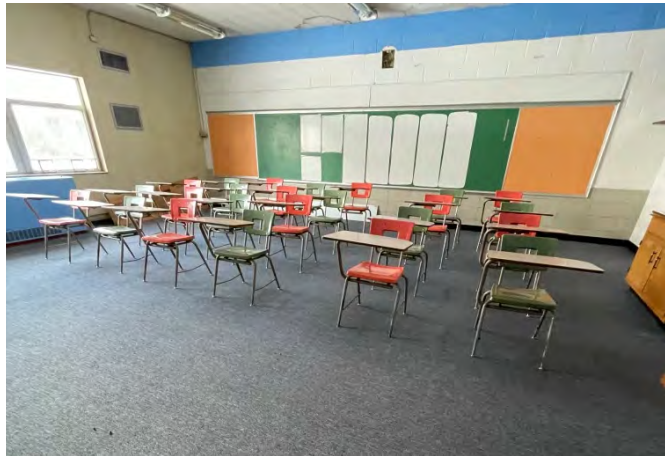
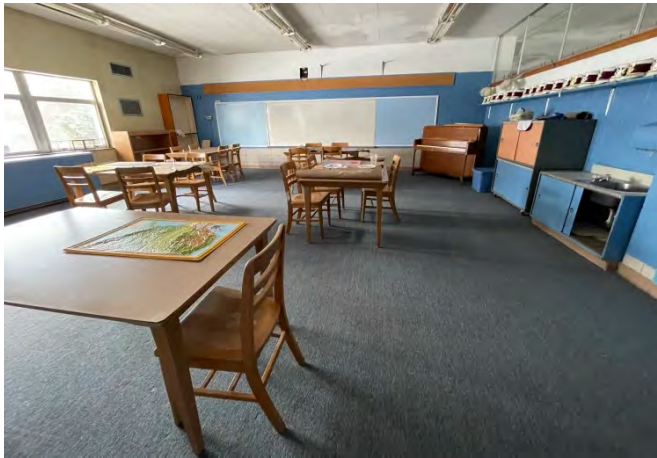
by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Many of you in Buchanan, MI remember Stark School when it was a school. Well now it has a new life as a center of community, arts, and music. Jen Tabor's vision of a community-centered place, where the underprivileged and those in most need may find a way toward their dream, is becoming a reality called, "Stark Community Center."



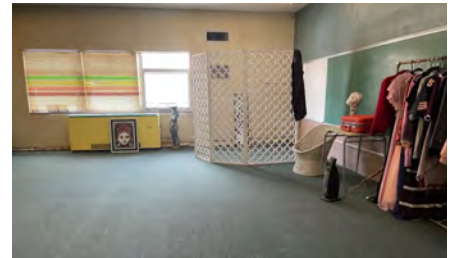
Inside Stark Community Center, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer

The three level center is a place where kids and adults can come together for learning and teaching of so many things – music/instrument lessons given by other musicians, a sewing room is there for those who want to teach or learn how to sew (sewing machines included), theater, dance, and so much more. If you can dream it, there may be a space ready for you at Stark Community Center.



Classrooms Inside Stark Community Center, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer

The many various rooms can be rented for office space, maker space, meeting space, your business, the class you teach, or anything else community-minded you could think of. Renting an individual room is \$700/month, or if more than one person shares the space then you can split the rent to make it more affordable. Office furniture, sinks in the rooms, chalk boards/white boards, desks, tables, and chairs (and more) are all available for you to use in the space, and you do not need to pay a water, gas, or electric bill as utilities and everything are included – just the single rate per month.



Inside Stark Community Center, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer

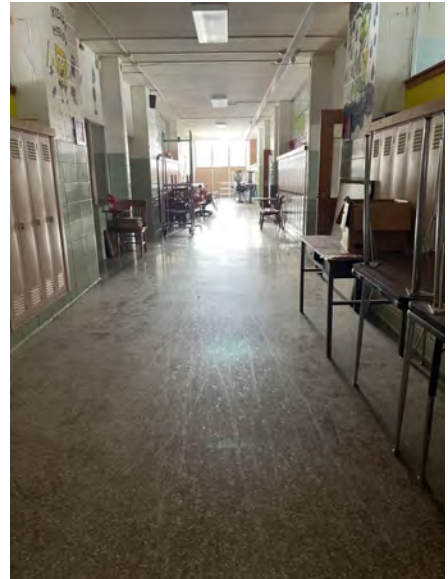
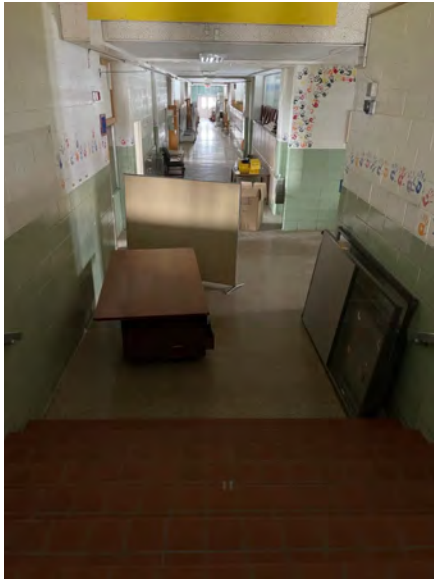
Jen Tabor has started a not for profit organization, [Good For Your Soul Foundation](#), that you can search for on Facebook to read all about. "This will be used to raise funds to sponsor low income students in music and classes in this Stark Community Center building. The kids in our community need a place where they can come and

have a good time while learning something even if they have a financial need,” Jen stated happily. With the Foundation’s proximity to Souldier and the connections they have, Jen anticipates the possibility for partnerships with some music companies to possibly provide some instruments and the like for Stark Community Center and it’s students.



Rock Star Stage Inside Stark Community Center, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer

On the first floor, there is a “rock star stage” that is made out of repurposed wood from shelving in the school. That area can also be rented out for parties/bridal/baby showers, etc and a kitchen is very close to it.



Inside the Halls of Stark Community Center, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer

If you happened to see the space before, there has been much clearing out and many items that were broken or couldn’t be used at Stark have been relocated, so things are almost ready. There are plans to redo the parking lot

when possible as it has a lot of wear and tear. Some memorabilia of Stark School will remain in the building and if you have any memories or memorabilia to share, Jen is curating a special place for history to be displayed in the building.



History Wall Inside Stark Community Center, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer

If you are interested in renting a room or have more questions, message Jen Tabor through the [Stark Community Center Facebook page](#).



About Stark Community Center: H.C. Stark Elementary School built in 1958 is now a community center for Southwest Michigan. Classrooms are available for rent as retail space, learning/teaching space, office space, meeting space, and more. Visit our Facebook page to contact us about renting a space in our Community Center.
www.facebook.com/StarkCommunityCenter

502 Claremont St
Buchanan, MI 49107
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Upcoming Event – BACC Annual Restaurant Week



Buchanan's 3rd Annual Restaurant Week March 24-31 with Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

Shared by Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce



March is Restaurant Month in Berrien County. Buchanan eateries are joining the celebration by offering plates full of specials.

- Help support your favorite dining spots and discover new ones.
- Unable to dine in or carry out? Consider purchasing a gift card!
- Mention “**Restaurant Week**” when you place your order!

Come experience the best of the best restaurants Buchanan has to offer. Buchanan is gearing up for the 3rd annual restaurant week. Foodies can expect a wide variety of food and prices that everyone can enjoy.

Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce
- *What:* 3rd Annual Buchanan Restaurant Week
- *When:* **Friday, March 24 through Friday, March 31, 2023**
- *Where:* Restaurants throughout Buchanan
- *Details:*
 - Find list of restaurants and specials below!
 - Check the Event Page **HERE** for the latest!

Restaurant	Location	Hours	Contact	Specials
Bucktown Nutrition	105 Days Ave, Buchanan	M-F: 5am-5pm Sa-Su: 8am-3pm	facebook.com/ BucktownNutriti on	\$2.00 off a COMBO if you mention RESTAURANT WEEK at payment.
Cafe Italiano Sweet Shop	205 E Front St, Buchanan	M: Closed Tu-Th: 11am-6pm F: 11am-8pm Sa: 11am-7pm Su: 11am-6pm	facebook.com/ BuchananSweetS hop	Free fountain soda with purchase of sub, pizza or entrée salad.
Cameron's	1021 W Front St, Buchanan	Su-Tu: Closed W-Sa: 5-9pm	facebook.com/ Camerons	Check Facebook page for daily specials on Fri/Sat.
Fernwood Cafe	13988 Range Line Rd, Niles	W-Su: 11am-3pm	facebook.com/ FernwoodCafe	Cranberry chicken salad \$10.00, Carrot Cake \$4.00.
Fifteen-2-Twelve	15215 N Redbud Tr, Buchanan	M-W: Closed Th-Sa: 4-10pm Su: 11am-3pm	facebook.com/ EvelynMaesBBQ	Check out the restaurant for specials.
Gary Z's Sub Shop	254 E Front St, Buchanan	M-F: 10:30am-2pm	facebook.com/ GaryZsSubShop	Mariah's famous chicken salad all week long.
Gustavsen Cafe	125 Days Ave, Buchanan	Su: 7am-2pm M, Th, F: 9am-2pm Tu, W, Sa: Closed	facebook.com/ GustavsenCafe	10% off – must mention RESTAURANT WEEK when paying.
Hickory Creek Winery	750 Browntown Rd, Buchanan	Su-F: 12-5pm Sa: 11am-6pm	facebook.com/ HickoryCreekWi nery	2 wine tastings with charcuterie snack for \$32.00. 10% off of bottle purchases March 27-31.
Hilltop	708 E Front St, Buchanan	Sa-Th: 8am-2pm F: 8am-8pm	facebook.com/ HilltopCafe	10% off food/drink, must mention RESTAURANT WEEK.
JD's Diner	1655 Mayflower Rd, Niles	M-F: 6am-10pm Sa-Su: 7am-2pm	facebook.com/ JDsDiner	Fri, 24th – AUCE Pollock – \$15.99 & 6 Frog legs and fries for \$12.99; 25th/26th – \$6.00 bloody Mary's; 27th – \$1.00 off of burgers;

Restaurant	Location	Hours	Contact	Specials
				28th – \$1.00 taco's with purchase of beer bucket; 29th – \$1.00 wings; 30th – Homemade beef and noodles; 31 – AUCE Pollock – \$15.99, Surf & Turf \$22.99
Lehman's Farmhouse	204 N Red Bud Tr, Buchanan	Su-Th: 11:30am-8pm F-Sa: 11:30am-9pm	facebook.com / LehmansFarmhouse	Rib dinner for \$14.00. Half off desserts.
McCoy Creek Tavern	215 E Front St, Buchanan	Su-M: Closed Tu: 5-9pm W-Th: 12-9pm F-Sa: 12-10pm	facebook.com / McCoyCreekTavern	Taco Tuesday; Wing Wednesday; Sloppy Joe and burgers Thursday; Fish Fry Friday; Shaved Prime Rib sandwich on Saturday.
McDonald's	813 E Front St, Buchanan	Su-F: 5am-11pm Sa: 24hr	mcdonalds.com / Buchanan	Use coupons on the app for daily deals.
Milano's Pizza	109 Days Ave, Buchanan	M: Closed Tu-Th: 4-8:30pm F-Sa: 4-9:30pm Su: 4-8:30pm	facebook.com / MilanosPizza	Large 3 topping for \$12 – Must mention the RESTAURANT WEEK to get deal.
Orchard Hills Country Club	2841 Niles-Buchanan Rd, Buchanan	M: Closed T-Th: 11am-8pm F: 11am-9pm Sa-Su: 9am-3pm	facebook.com / OrchardHillsCC	Check with the for deals.
Pizza Hut	817 E Front St, Buchanan	Su-Th: 11am-10pm F-Sa: 11am-11pm	pizzahut.com / Buchanan	Large 1 topping stuffed crust or Double Pepperoni big New Yorker for \$13.99.
Ray & Al's	118 N Cleveland Ave, Galien	Tu-W: Closed Th-M: 9am-3pm	facebook.com / rayandalslunch	20% off the bill – must mention RESTAURANT WEEK to receive discount.
River Saint Joe	15475 Walton Rd, Buchanan	M, F, Sa: 12-9pm W: Closed Tu, Th: 4-9pm Su: 12-8pm	facebook.com / RiverStJoeBrewery	1/2 price pastas with the purchase of a 4-pack take-away beer.

Restaurant	Location	Hours	Contact	Specials
Tabor Hill	185 Mount Tabor Rd, Buchanan	M-W: Closed Th: 12-9pm F-Sa: 11am-9pm Su: 10am-5pm	facebook.com / TaborHillWinery	Thursday – Surf & Turf \$30.00; Friday lunch hours – \$12.00 all sandwiches; Dinner – Tabor for two \$50.00; Saturday – Prime Rib \$35.00; Sunday – Brunch buffet \$28 adults, \$14.00 children
Tasty Chen's	714 E Front St, Buchanan	Su: Closed M-Th: 11am-10pm F-Sa: 11am-10:30pm	facebook.com / TastyChens	Daily specials, come in to find out.
Union Coffee House	Corner of Front St & Main St, Buchanan	M-W: 7am-6pm Th: 7am-5pm F: 7am-4pm Sa-Su: 8am-2pm	facebook.com / UnionCoffeeHouse	Seasonal drink flavors and food that highlights IRISH flavors.



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Upcoming Event – St. Anthony 2023 Spring Bazaar Food Drive



St. Anthony's

Spring Bazaar
and Food Drive
 March 25, 2023
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 St. Anthony Parish Hall
 509 W. Fourth
 Buchanan, MI 49107


 Variety of Crafts, Baked Goods
 Mary Kay, Pampered Chef,
 Tupperware


 Lunch available for purchase

Admission: **Free**
 Please bring a non-perishable food item
 Redbud Area Ministries (R.A.M.)
 Food Pantry

Sponsored by:
 St. Anthony Conference of Catholic Women
 (C.C.W.)

**For information or to set up a booth,
 please call (269) 695-3863**



St. Anthony Annual Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2023

Submitted by St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan

Event Details:

- *Who:* St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan
- *What:* Spring Bazaar and Food Drive
- *When:* **Saturday, March 25, 2023 ~ 9am-2pm**
- *Where:* St Anthony Parish Hall
 - 509 W Fourth St, Buchanan MI
- *Details:*
 - Admission: FREE with donation of a non-perishable food item for RAM Food Pantry
 - Variety of crafts and baked goods
 - Lunch available for purchase
 - Sponsored by St. Anthony Conference of Catholic Women
 - For information or to set up a booth, please call 269-695-3863.

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St. Anthony's 2023 Spring Bazaar and Food Drive flyer



About St. Anthony Parish: St. Anthony invites you to celebrate Mass with us; Please see the times below. Our pastor, Leo Cartagena, is pleased to welcome guests to our parish. We are located in Buchanan, MI. Mass times for St. Anthony are below. Once again, we welcome you! Diocese of Kalamazoo ~ Rite: Roman-Latin
discovermass.com/church/st-anthony-buchanan-mi/
office@stanthonybuchanan.com
[269-695-3863](tel:269-695-3863)

• **MASS TIMES:**

- **Saturday** ~ 4:00pm
- **Sunday** ~ 8:30am

• **OTHER SERVICES:**

- **Confessions** ~ 3:00-3:45pm

St. Anthony of Buchanan

509 W Fourth St

Buchanan, MI 49107

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Upcoming Event – Buchanan's 15th Annual Chili Walk

BUCHANAN AREA Chamber of Commerce *15th* **ANNUAL** **REDBUD Roots**

CHILI-WALK

COOK-OFF

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023
5:00PM - 7:00PM
LEHMAN'S FARMHOUSE

PRESENTED BY
BUCHANAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RED BUD ROOTS

Buchanan's 15th Annual Chili Walk Sponsored by the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce In Partnership with Redbud Roots

Buchanan, MI ~ March 03, 2023

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ROUTE

BEGIN	WALK	END
Start at Lehman's to receive your \$5 Tasting Spoon and Map	Visit host establishments and taste test each participants' entry	Vote on your favorites and return to Lehman's for award ceremony directly following event

ENTER TO WIN

\$20 TEAM ENTRY FEE

Register on
buchananareachamber.com

**2023 DONATION WILL BE MADE TO
BUCHANAN TREE FRIENDS**

Chili Walk Cook Off 2023 flyer

The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Redbud

Roots, is again gearing up for the best chili walk in the area. Buchanan may be a small town, but we do it big when it comes to serving chili!

On Thursday, April 13, 2023, local businesses and organizations will standoff to see who has the best chili in Buchanan. The public is encouraged to participate in the sampling, and each attendee may vote for their favorite chili and contestant with the most spirit.

There will be a FIVE DOLLAR; \$5.00 charge for each participant/spoon. A portion of the money will go to a local non-profit organization, Buchanan Tree Friends.

This year's Chili Walk will be held downtown in a progressive fashion, with Lehman's Farmhouse being the start and endpoint. The event will occur Thursday, April 13th, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Spoon sales will begin at 4:30 pm, and the awards presentation will start at 7:30 pm, both at Lehman's Farmhouse. The deadline for contestants to register is 3/31/2023. Contestants can register online at BuchananAreaChamber.com/Events

There will be three award categories – Judges' Choice, People's Choice, and Spirit award. Contestants and visitors are encouraged to participate with spirit. This year's theme is nature to collaborate with Buchanan Tree Friends.

Each contestant will be matched up with a local business to showcase their chili and place of business. Visitors will go from spot to spot to sample and mingle. Downtown Buchanan businesses are invited to share their spaces and allow the community to get to know them better. Many businesses will offer promotional items and sales for visitors of the chili walk.

New features this year will entail teaming up with Buchanan businesses, Kombi Keg SW Michigan, and Redbud Roots. Kombi Keg SW Michigan will offer a few tasty flavors of lemonade for sale, and Red Bud Roots will sponsor our Chill Zone with music provided by DPM Events. Look for their festive vans located at the intersection of Main and Front St. and chill while enjoying music, cornhole, and conversation.

If you're up to the test of taking on the town, join us for the 2023 Buchanan Chili Walk. Teams are Signing up now. If you have any questions about the contest, please get in touch with the Buchanan Area Chamber's Chili Walk Chairman, Kyle Zelmer, at kzelmer@moveyourhorizon.com or by calling/texting 269-262-1845.

We look forward to seeing everyone fill up our downtown streets on April 13!

Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce & Redbud Roots
- *What:* 15th Annual Chili Walk
- *When:* **Thursday, April 13, 2023 ~ 5-7pm**
- *Where:* Throughout Downtown Buchanan
 - Walk begins and ends at Lehman's Farmhouse (204 N Red Bud Trail)
 - Check the latest details on the Event Page [HERE](#).



Chili Walk Cook Off 2023 flyer



About Buchanan Tree Friends: The Buchanan Tree Friends, working in concert with the city of Buchanan and its residents shall strive to improve the beauty of our city's streets by maintaining and planting trees which will provide shade, environmental and health benefits to all inhabitants of Buchanan.

Buchanan Tree Friends Facebook Page

treefriends@cityofbuchanan.com

312-662-3149

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About Redbud Roots: Founded in 2017, Redbud Roots is Michigan's premiere craft cannabis cultivator, producer, and supplier. Offering over 30 products covering the entire spectrum of the cannabis field, Redbud Roots is your source for both medical and adult-use cannabis products. area. Life truly is better here!

redbudroots.com

[269-999-1090](tel:269-999-1090)

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Upcoming Event – 28th Annual Empty Bowls Event

28th Annual Buchanan Community

EMPTY BOWLS



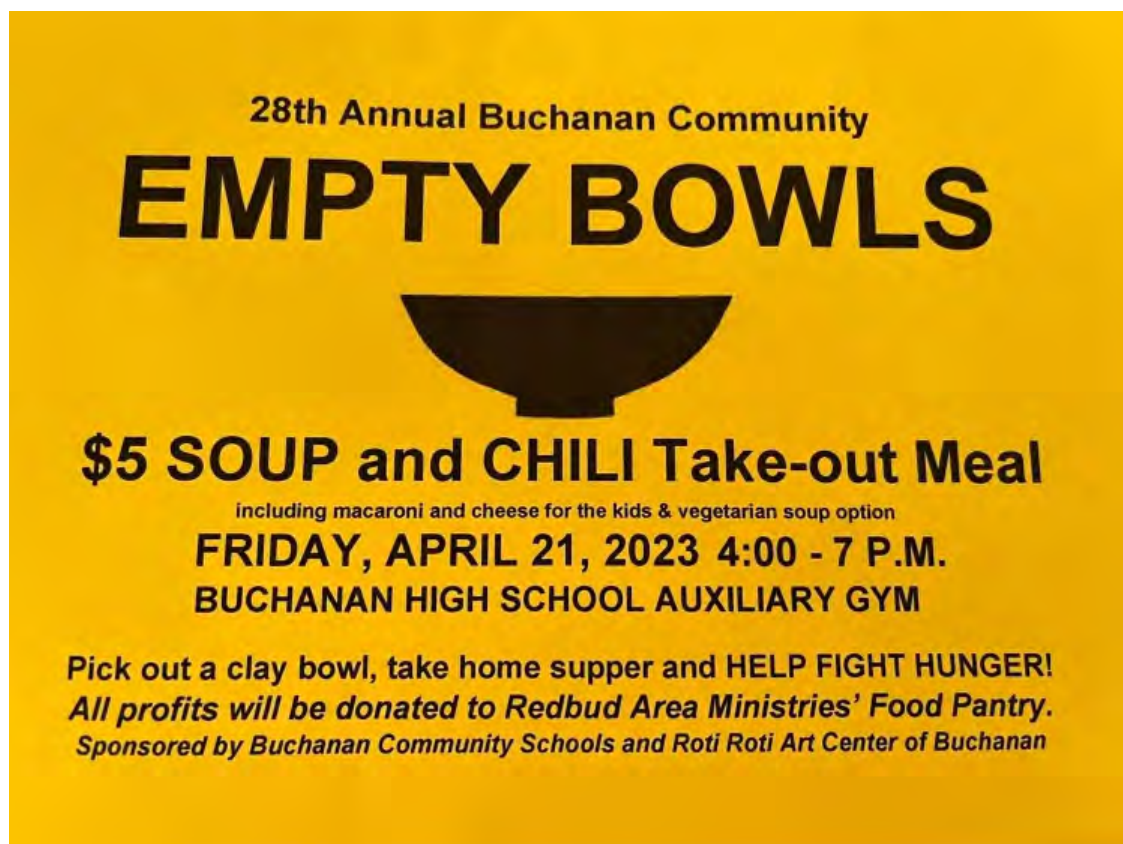
\$5 SOUP and CHILI Take-out Meal
including macaroni and cheese for the kids & vegetarian soup option

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 4:00 - 7 P.M.
BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL AUXILIARY GYM

Pick out a clay bowl, take home supper and HELP FIGHT HUNGER!
All profits will be donated to Redbud Area Ministries' Food Pantry.
Sponsored by Buchanan Community Schools and Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

28th Annual Community Empty Bowls Event with RAM, BCS, and Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

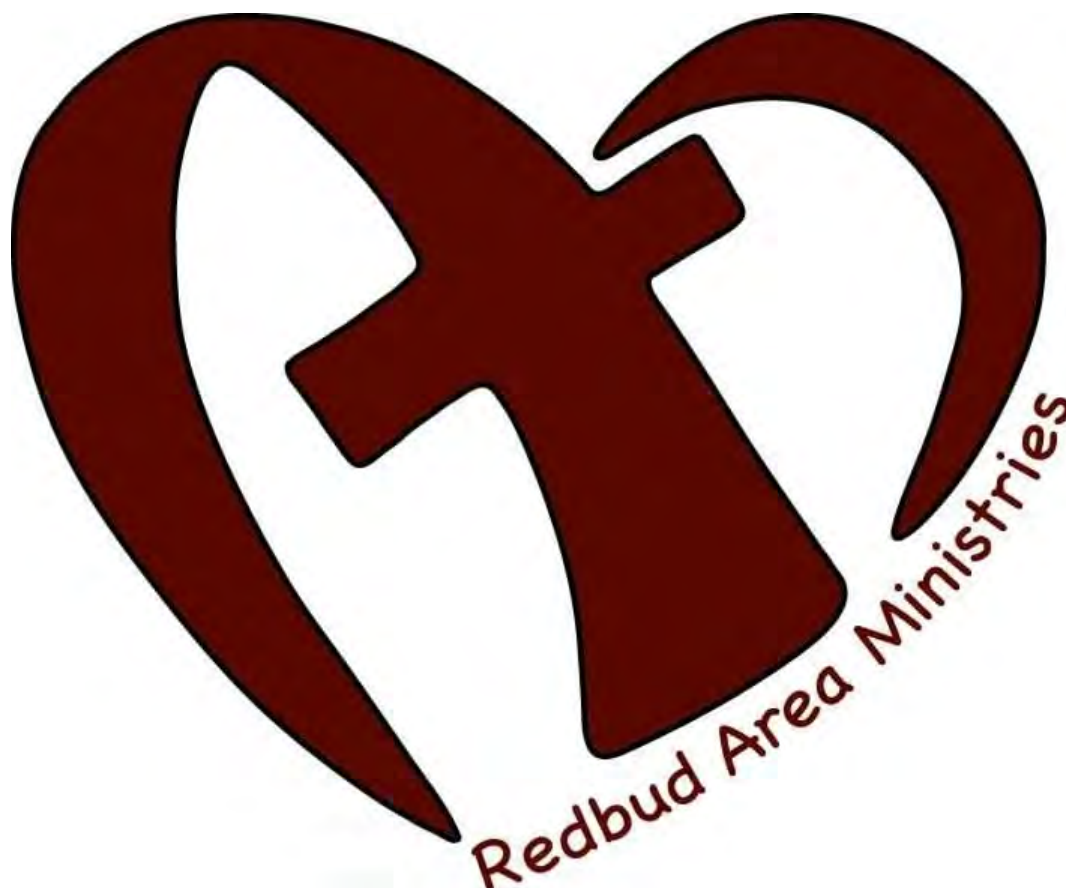


28th Annual Community Empty Bowls Charity Event flyer

Donate \$5 and get a pottery bowl and a take out meal of soup or macaroni and cheese. Hundreds of pottery pieces to choose from! All proceeds benefit the Redbud Area Ministries food pantry.

Event Details:

- *Who:* Redbud Area Ministries, Buchanan Community Schools, and Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
- *What:* 28th Annual Community Empty Bowls Event
- *When:* **Friday, April 21, 2023 ~ 4-7pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan High School Auxiliary Gym (401 W Chicago St)
- *Details:*
 - \$5 Soup and Chili Take-Out Meal
 - Including macaroni and cheese for the kids and a vegetarian soup option
 - Pick out a clay bowl, take home supper, and Help Fight Hunger!
 - All profits will be donated to Redbud Area Ministries Food Pantry.
 - Check the latest details on the Event Page [HERE](#).



About Redbud Area Ministries: RAM is an interdenominational and interracial ministry center started to organize the churches in the Buchanan and Galien School Districts to respond to individual and family needs. 269-695-5083

redbudareaministries.weebly.com

Redbud Area Ministries Facebook Page

redbudareaministries@yahoo.com

708 Red Bud Trail N

Buchanan, MI 49107

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About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The mission of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan is to provide a place in our community dedicated to nurturing the arts by providing a quality educational program for all ages, as well as gallery exhibits, sales opportunities, and a gift shop that are supportive of class offerings and local artists, thereby enabling the Center to creatively enlist the power of the arts in promoting positive social change.

www.buchananartcenter.com

- Hours:
 - Wed-Sun ~ Noon-6

- Mon-Tue ~ Closed (Classes Only)

buchananartcenter@gmail.com

[269-697-4005](tel:269-697-4005)

[117 W. Front St.](#)

[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)

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About Buchanan Community Schools: Public School system for Buchanan, Michigan area. Our vision is to develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

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Upcoming Event – Preschool/Kindergarten Registration




Buchanan
 Community Schools
 

PRESCHOOL*/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
(FREE for qualifying families)*

Ottawa Elementary School 2023/24 School Year
300 Ottawa Street (turning north from Downtown Buchanan on Front Street, turn right onto Ottawa Street)

Registration Packets are available for pick up in the school office during the following times:

March 16th 8:00am-8:00pm
 March 27th, March 31st 8:00am-4:30pm

Eligibility
 Preschool: Children who are 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023
 (Those accepted, must meet income requirements)
 Kindergarten: Children who are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2023

Following items are required for a completed registration packet:

- **Proof of income: Preschool only (2022 tax return/W-2, or 2-3 months of current pay stubs)*
- Child's legal birth certificate (not the hospital one)
- Child's immunization record
- Proof of Buchanan residency (8 proofs of ID for Buchanan residency (driver's license, rent receipt or mortgage papers or property tax bill, as well as internet, cell phone, credit card bills, etc. that show the child's address))

Next Steps
 Please complete the registration packet with necessary documents (we can make copies for you).
 Preschool families please call and schedule an appointment at 605-8405. Select Option 1.
 Appointments will be scheduled for April 6th 9:20-8:00pm.
 Kindergarten families return the packet on April 6th 8:20-8:00pm or April 10th-14th during school hours. You will be contacted in May to schedule a testing date in June.

Nurturing Hearts, Developing Minds, Inspiring Dreams




Preschool/Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024 Packets Available

Do you have a little one at home that's ready for school? It's time to sign up for Ottawa Elementary School's 2023-2024 School Year!





PRESCHOOL*/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

(* FREE for qualifying families)

Ottawa Elementary School 2023/24 School Year

109 Ottawa Street (driving west from downtown Buchanan on Front Street, turn right onto Ottawa Street)

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March 16th 8:00am-8:00pm

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- Child's legal birth certificate (not the hospital one)
- Child's immunization record
- Proof of Buchanan residency (4 proofs of ID for Buchanan residency (driver's license, rent receipt or mortgage papers or property tax bill, as well as internet, cell phone, credit card bills, etc that show the child's address)

Next Steps

Please complete the registration packet with necessary documents (we can make copies for you)

Preschool families please call and schedule an appointment at 695-8409. Select Option 1
Appointments will be scheduled for April 6th 4:20-8:00pm

Kindergarten families return the packet on April 6th 4:20-8:00pm or April 10th-14th during school hours. You will be contacted in May to schedule a testing date in June.

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BCS Preschool/Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024 flyer

- Registration Packets are available for pick up in the school office during the following times:
 - March 16th 8:00am-8:00pm
 - March 27th – March 31st 8:00am-4:30pm
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- Child's legal birth certificate (not the hospital one)
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Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan Community Schools
- *What:* [Preschool/Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024 Packets Available](#)
- *When:* **Monday, March 27 through Friday, March 31, 2023 from 8am-4:30pm**
- *Where:* Ottawa Elementary School Office – 109 Ottawa Street



About Ottawa Elementary School: Ottawa Elementary School is an Early Childhood Center. Our Mission: Nurturing hearts, Developing minds, Inspiring dreams. Our Vision: Growing Little BUCKS – Be responsible, Understand and use learning, Creative thinkers and problem solvers, Kind to others, Self-reliant.

www.buchananschools.com

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Upcoming Event – Community Good Friday Service 2023



2023 Community Good Friday Service

Shared by Buchanan Area Ministerial Association

Join us as we observe Good Friday together as a community. This is an amazing time to observe, reflect and remember the sacrifice that Christ gave us.

We will have pastors from different churches helping lead this service. We hope to have you join us for this special service.

Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Ministerial Association
- *What:* Community Good Friday Service
- *When:* **Friday, April 7, 2023 ~ 6pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Church of the Nazarene
 - 704 W Front St, Buchanan MI

Community Good Friday Service

April 7th at 6:00PM hosted at
Buchanan Church of the Nazarene

Community Good Friday Service 2023



About Buchanan Church of the Nazarene: Our Mission is Transforming Lives Through Christ: Our Mission as a church is sweet and simple. We want to see lives transformed through Christ. We know that in our world there is brokenness, heartache, addiction and much more, but there is also hope which is found in Jesus Christ. Our Vision is to see Buchanan and the surrounding communities become the people God created them to be: We believe that God created us in his own image, however sin has corrupted that image. We hope to see Buchanan and the surrounding areas become restored to who God is calling them to be. We know that when the surrounding area is impacted the world will be too!

www.buchanannaz.org

www.facebook.com/BuchananNaz

bshea@buchanannaz.org

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704 W Front St
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Upcoming Event – BCS Plow Day 2023





BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM
FLOW DAY



BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM
FLOW DAY

**Come One, Come All, to the 26th Annual
Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast**
Buchanan School Farm
3588 Andrews Road, Buchanan, Michigan
Saturday, April 22, 2023

ANNUAL PLOW DAY ACTIVITIES:

- Pancake Breakfast - available from 8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. (in the Barn)
- ANTIQUE TRACTORS and PLOWING - Come see these amazing early tractors in action! (For plowing info contact Melissa Frost at 269-695-8435)
- Plowing from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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- Tour Historic Gardner School & Stroll our Tree Plantation & Prairie
- Modern Farm Equipment Display - provided by Masten Farms
- Antique Quilt Donation - from the Hayden family

AND MUCH MORE...

• Gallen Chanters 4-H Club	• Children's Hands-On Wood Working - with Davison Sawmill
• Fishing Tackle - with Al Whitfield	• Fort St. Joseph Archeology Group - with WMSJ Students
• Ice Cream Making - with David March	• Robot/Drone Demonstration - with Blueberry Robotics - Paved 8850
• Sustainable Farming - by Wendee Heltzer	• Wood Carving Demonstration - with Wendy's State
• Hay Rides - with Andrew Ott	• Buchanan District Library
• Buchanan Scarecrow Charities	

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM AND THE 26TH ANNUAL PLOW DAY!

For additional information, contact schoolfarm@buchananschools.com or 269-695-8435.

Buchanan School Farm's 26th Annual Plow Day and Pancake Breakfast

Come One, Come All, to the 26th Annual Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast at Buchanan School Farm, Saturday, April 22, 2023!



**Come One, Come All, to the 26th Annual
Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast**

**Buchanan School Farm
3588 Andrews Road, Buchanan, Michigan
Saturday, April 22, 2023**

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| ♦ Ice Cream Making - with Scott Marsh | ♦ Robot/Drone Demonstration - with MegaHurtz Robotics - Team 5056 |
| ♦ Sustainable Farming - by Verdant Hollow | ♦ Wood Carving Demonstration - with Weldy's Sales |
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2023 Plow Day flyer

- **Who:** Buchanan Community School Farm
- **What:** 51st Annual Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast
- **When:** **Saturday, April 22, 2023**
- **Where:** Buchanan School Farm
 - 3588 Andrews Road, Buchanan MI 49107
- **Details:**
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Buchanan School Farm

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Upcoming Event – Buchanan Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2023



Buchanan Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2023

Buchanan High School Leo Club is once again organizing the Buchanan Community Easter Egg Hunt and is looking for your help!

- *Who:* Buchanan High School Leo Club
- *What:* [Buchanan's Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2023](#)
- *When:* **Saturday, April 8, 2023 – 11am**
- *Where:* Buchanan Common
- *Details:*
 - We are seeking donations of bagged individually wrapped candy to stuff the eggs.
 - If you are able to donate, please drop off candy at any of the following locations by **March 27th**:
 - Redbud Fitness
 - Buchanan Area Senior Center
 - Buchanan District Library
 - Redbud Insurance
 - We will be hosting Egg Stuffing Parties at Buchanan Community Center (131 S Oak St) on the following dates:
 - Wednesday, March 29th, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, April 2nd, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Buchanan's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th

Starting 11:00 A.M.

At

Buchanan Common

Rain, Snow or Sunshine Please Dress for the Weather



***Prizes in each age group!
Visit from the Easter Bunny!***

Age Groups:

3 and under, 4-5 years old,

6-7 years old, 8 and above

All Age Groups will start together

Sponsored by: Buchanan High School Leo Club



Buchanan Easter Egg Hunt 2023 flyer



You can follow the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and the Buchanan High School Leo Club on their [Facebook](#)

[page](#) for more information.



BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics March Scores



Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 02/13 – 03/14

Scores Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

Below you can find some of Buchanan Athletics recent sports scores. Current sports include Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball.

Huge Congratulations to our Regional Champion Lady Bucks who owned the court all the way to State Quarterfinals! Buchanan is so proud of each of you! Go Lady Bucks!!

Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list. Go Bucks!

Date	Time	Sport	H/A	Against	Final Score
Tuesday, March 14	7pm	Basketball (Girls)	Away	Hart	LOST 41-45
Thursday, March 09	7pm	Basketball (Girls)	Away	Kalamazoo Christian	WON 70-47
Wednesday, March 08	5:30pm	Basketball (Boys)	Home	Benton Harbor	LOST 40-65
Tuesday, March 07	7pm	Basketball (Girls)	Away	Bronson	WON 66-59
Monday, March 06	5:30pm	Basketball (Boys)	Home	Dowagiac	WON 45-44
Saturday, March 04	1pm	Basketball (Girls)	Away	Niles Brandywine	WON 67-57
Thursday, March 02	7:15pm	Basketball (Boys)	Away	Bridgman	LOST 42-48
Wednesday, March 01	7pm	Basketball (Girls)	Home	Cassopolis	WON 70-28
Tuesday, February 28	7:15pm	Basketball (Boys)	Away	Vicksburg	WON 61-59
Friday, February 24	7pm	Basketball (Boys)	Away	Dowagiac	WON 60-46
Tuesday, February 21	7pm	Basketball (Boys)	Home	Three Oaks River Valley	WON 62-53
Monday, February 20	7pm	Basketball (Boys)	Home	St Joseph Our Lady of the Lake Catholic	WON 61-28
Friday, February 17	7pm	Basketball (Girls)	Home	St. Joseph	WON 51-26
Monday, February 13	6pm	Basketball (Girls)	Away	Boomingdale	WON F 2-0

Buchanan's Recent Sports Scores 02/13/23 – 03/14/23



GO BUCKS!

Buchanan Community Schools – Buchanan Athletics

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SPORTS



Local Arts – Southshore Band at Red Cedar Festival



Southshore Band at 26th Annual Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

On Saturday, March 4, 2023, was the 26th Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands held in Okemos, MI, just east of Lansing. I had the pleasure of performing at this event with the Southshore Concert Band. We performed 4 pieces of music, which include Nobles of the Mystic Shrine by John Phillip Sousa, Symphonic Dances from "Fiddler on the Roof" arranged by Ira Hearshen, Mountain Thyme by Samuel R. Hazo, and Transcendent Journey by Rossano Galante. The Red Cedar Festival is a band festival for adult community concert bands.



26th annual Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands 2023

Free Admission
(Donations Appreciated)

Oakland Community College Symphony Band	9:00 AM
Flint Symphonic Wind Ensemble	9:45 AM
Cereal City Concert Band	10:30 AM
Lansing Concert Band	11:15 AM
Central Michigan Area Concert Band	12:15 PM
West Michigan Concert Winds	1:00 PM
Southshore Concert Band	1:45 PM
Warren Concert Band	2:45 PM
Saginaw Area Concert Band	3:30 PM
Charlotte Community Band	4:15 PM
Meridian Community Band	5:15 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023 · 9AM-6PM
Okemos High School
 2800 Jolly Rd, Okemos, Michigan

Information at: www.meridiancommunityband.org

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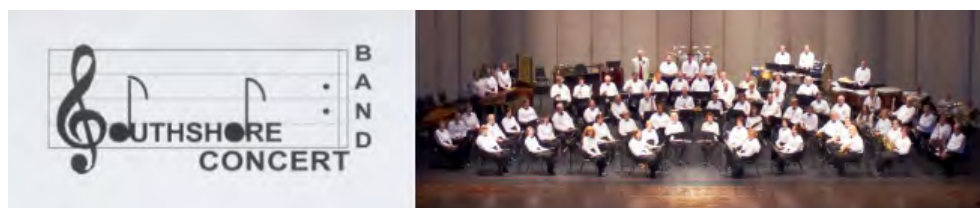
Meridian Community Band is an Equal Opportunity Employer and provides programs and services without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

Red Cedar Festival 2023 flyer

It is not a competition as none of the bands receive any ratings. What we do gain is continuing education as we receive a clinic with a music educator from a university so that we all may improve. There were a total of 11 bands registered to perform, but the first 3 bands had canceled due to winter weather. There were bands from as far away from Okemos as Muskegon and of course St. Joe/Benton Harbor, and the hosting band is Meridian Community Band. I did have the pleasure of listening and watching the Lansing Concert Band.

For me as a musician, I had a very enjoyable and exciting experience! It is said that music is the language of the soul. Indeed I have music in me. This event allows me to open that up and let it out. I rode up to Okemos the day before with fellow band members and we all stayed at a hotel with even more band members. I believe nearly the whole French horn section drove up and stayed at this hotel.

We all even had dinner at a steakhouse, which was right next door to the hotel. Let me tell you, I ate a very nice sirloin steak. We then went back to the hotel and sat in the lobby playing a nifty board game. It really felt like going to a family reunion. Our performance the next day was simply awesome! You can enjoy this performance on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/8WBBNP4W9-4>.



About The Southshore Concert Band: The Southshore Concert Band was formed in 1992 to provide an opportunity for Berrien County adults to use their musical skills formed in high school and college on a volunteer basis for personal enjoyment. The band membership has grown over the years to include members from northern Indiana as well as other southwest Michigan counties. Membership includes a broad range of professional careers- retired band teachers, current teachers, engineers, accountants, social workers, computer consultants - all playing together to share their common passion for music.

The band provides free concerts at various locations in southwest Michigan during the year. Regular concerts include Winter and Spring concerts at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center. Additional concerts such as a Halloween Concert, Veteran's Day Lest We Forget Concert, a collaborative concert with the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomie, and a Pops Concert add wide variety to our seasons. A "Big Band" was also created from members of the Southshore Concert Band to showcase sounds from a great musical time period. Annual summer concerts are played in local community parks and band shells.

The Southshore Concert Band was founded and is conducted by Dale Reuss. The band has a membership of approximately 75 adults. Rehearsals are at Lake Michigan College every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. during the regular season (except holidays). We welcome new members! If you are interested in joining, please email Dale Reuss at southshoreconcertband@gmail.com. A brief audition will be required.

The organization achieved 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation status in February, 1999. The band relies on member's dues, grants and public donations to fund its activities. The organization receives no public funds.

Contact: Dale Reuss, Director

www.southshoreconcertband.com

southshoreconcertband@gmail.com

Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI

P.O. Box 939

Bridgman, MI 49106

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Remembering – Obituary for Dr. Carol Sawyer



Dr. Carol H. Sawyer

May 27, 1944 - March 11, 2023

Buchanan Loss • Obituary for Dr. Carol H. Sawyer • March 11 2023

Submitted by Jon R. Wallace, PhD

Name	Age	Born	Died
Dr. Carol H. Sawyer	78	May 27, 1944	March 11, 2023

Dr Carol H. Sawyer, 78, formerly of San Diego, California and most recently of Portage, Michigan passed away quietly on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Services will be held by the University of La Verne at a later date in April. She has been cremated and the remains will be interred at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Buchanan near her parents and grandparents.

Carol was born on May 27, 1944, to Robert and Bonnie (Wells) Haedtler in Chicago, Illinois.

She graduated from Buchanan High School in 1962. Her bachelor's degree was in English with a minor in History from Michigan State University. Carol earned a master's degree in Librarianship from Western Michigan University and a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. She held membership in the Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Tau Sigma honorary societies. She was appointed an Educational Leadership Institute Policy Fellow early in her career. Later, she served with the Coro Foundation Women in Leadership Program, St. Louis, Missouri; the Global Institute for Leadership Development; and led multiple international Leadership Challenge Workshops.

Dr. Sawyer was a distinguished lifelong learner, teacher and professor strongly engaged in the learning and growth of her students at every level, organization, and institution she served. After retiring from the University of La Verne, she taught as adjunct faculty with San Jose State University.

From 1994 to 2005 Dr. Sawyer was the program chair of the Master of Science in Leadership Management (MSLM) at the University of La Verne, tripling enrollment while expanding delivery to nine locations in Southern California. Carol was able to bring internationally renowned leadership authors on campus to meet and speak with students and faculty including Dr. Warren Bennis, James MacGregor Burns, Joseph Rost, Jay Conger, Frances Hesselbein, Marshall Goldsmith, Andre' Delbecq, James O'Toole, Peter Vaill, Margaret Wheatley, Jean Lipman-

Blumen, Lee Bolman and Terry Deal, Daniel Pink, and Steve Farber.

She was twice recognized by the Department of Public Administration Chairperson, Dr. Jack Meek, with the Chair's Award of Outstanding Contribution to the Department. The Governing Board of the University's Alumni Association honored her in 2007, as a "Distinguished Professor". In 2021 Carol received the University of La Verne Excellence in Teaching Award, presented by the Provost of the University of La Verne after nomination by the Dean of the College of Business and Public Management.

While at the University of La Verne, Dr. Sawyer designed the Master of Arts in Governance Leadership (MAGL) in partnership with the California School Boards Association. At the request of an Orange County corporation, she designed a customized version of the MSLM degree to meet the specific developmental needs of mid-level managers. Over the past 30 years Dr. Sawyer has lectured or taught in dozens of countries around the world and published numerous articles and textbook contributions.

Dr. Peter Vaill previously requested her to lead seminars with Antioch University doctoral students. Prior to the University of La Verne, Dr. Sawyer taught at the University of Southern California (USC) for 10 years in the undergraduate, masters and doctoral level and for Chapman University. She was a faculty member for the first training institute for Teach for America, teaching for the University of Southern California's School of Education. For four years she worked with USC's Washington Public Affairs Center as a faculty member for the Truman Foundation's three-week Policy Institute in Washington, DC. Many of her graduate students and industry professionals continued to maintain relationships with her right up until her passing.

In 1984 Carol christened fast attack submarine the USS Pittsburgh SSN 720 during her marriage to the Honorable George Sawyer. Up until it's decommissioning in 2020, Dr. Sawyer was very active in the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Navy League of the United States, attending every change of command. She always said that her experience with the captains and crews of the USS Pittsburgh was one of the highlights of her life.

Carol travelled globally extensively, often to teach or visit family. When any family visited Carol, she would find a museum, musical, play, dance recital, theater, symphony, or a cappella singing which she loved greatly to share with them. Her children and grandchildren all expressed appreciation for those experiences. When Covid hit Carol would perform online theater in Zoom with her friends from St. Paul's Episcopal church in San Diego. She was a longtime supporter of northern California's Voices in Harmony, the international championship chorus Masters of Harmony, the Westminster Chorus and Gold Medal quartet Masterpiece, whose lead singer was a nephew. She also regularly enjoyed the services online at First Church of God in St. Joseph, and listening to her son Jon broadcast Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs, and Portage Northern high school sports.

Carol is survived by her three sons, Jon (Katherine Suender) Wallace, William (Cynde) Wallace, and Christopher Lewis; sister Susan (Josef) Ruth and brother David (Carrielynn) Haedtler; grandchildren Joshua Wallace, Samuel Wallace, Liam Wallace, Annika Wallace, Caroline Wallace, Andrew Wallace, Jacob Wallace, Ryan Suender and Koen Suender; great-grandchildren Madelaine Wallace and Henry Wheelock. Dr. Sawyer was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Bonnie (Wells) Haedtler and her second husband Archie Lewis.

Remembering



Dr. Carol H. Sawyer
May 27, 1944 - March 11, 2023

Remembering – Dr. Carol H. Sawyer



Community Press Release – HCU Announces 2023 Shred Days



Honor Credit Union Announces 2023 Free Community Shred Days

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Berrien Springs, MI ~ March 7, 2023

In partnership with Data Guardian and Marquette County Landfill, Honor Credit Union is excited to announce its 2023 Free Community Shred Day schedule.

Honor's free community shred days are the perfect opportunity to safely dispose of all sensitive documents you no longer need, such as tax forms or other documents that include your personal information.

For the 2023 shred event season, Honor will once again be partnering with its valued business members to co-host select shred day events across its member center communities. This partnership provides an enhanced space for the shred days and a chance for Honor to showcase its business partners in the community.

Each event will be operated as a drive-thru service. When attending an event near you, we kindly ask you to limit shred to 10 boxes or bags per household. Please drive up alongside the member center or designated area where a team member will take your documents to the shred truck on site. Please note that documents will not be shredded on site but will be safely transferred and destroyed by Honor's trusted shred partners.

The 2023 Free Community Shred Day schedule is as follows:

Date	City	Location	Time
Saturday, April 15th	Coloma	Coloma Member Center	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Saturday, May 13th	Kalamazoo	Stadium Drive Member Center	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Saturday, June 3rd	Dowagiac	Dowagiac Member Center	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Saturday, July 8th	Stevensville	Lakeshore High School	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Saturday, July 15th	Grand Rapids	Allendale Member Center	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Saturday, July 22nd	Coldwater	Coldwater Member Center	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Saturday, August 12th	Paw Paw	Paw Paw Brewing	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Saturday, August 19th	Battle Creek	Moonraker Restaurant & Lounge	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Saturday, September 16th	Berrien Springs	Operations Center	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Saturday, September 16th	Marquette	Crossroads Restaurant & Lounge	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

These events will run during their scheduled times or until the shred trucks have met capacity and are subject to change. For more information on Honor's 2023 Free Community Shred Day schedule, visit <http://www.honorcu.com/community-shred-days/> or check out Honor Credit Union on Facebook for full event details. To locate a member center near you, visit <http://www.honorcu.com/locations/>.



HCU Free Community Shred Days 2023



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution serving over 100,000 members in 27 member center communities throughout western and northern Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities we serve remain the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

For more information, call 800.442.2800, or visit www.honorcu.com.

Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • February 21 2023



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Agenda by Michelle Munyon, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Buchanan
Community Schools



All completed Board of Education Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Buchanan Community
Schools website [HERE](#).

Please note that a few highlights from the latest Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education Meeting Agenda are listed below. At the end of the agenda's highlights, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of that meeting.

Also, meeting minutes may not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they become available.

- **Regular Meeting**
- **02/21/2023 6:00 PM**
- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
- **401 W. Chicago Street**
- **Buchanan, MI 49107**

Regular Meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education • Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 6pm

- Meeting Highlights:
 - President Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:02pm
 - POINTS OF PRIDE
 - Buck Staff Recognition January/February Winner: Rebecca Kaltenbach, BCS Food Service Supervisor. Mrs. Laesch recognized Ms. Kaltenbach as this month's winner.
 - Nominees included:
 - Angela Smith, BCS Food Service
 - Britney Thomas, BMS Paraprofessional
 - Jeni Rahrig, Moccasin Paraprofessional
 - Lacey Chase, Bus Driver
 - Lisa Eliason, Enviroclean BHS Custodian
 - Lisa Gregory, Moccasin 2nd Grade Teacher
 - Mark Kurland, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Operations
 - Michael O'Shea, Bus Driver
 - Michelle Munyon, Executive Administrative Assistant
 - Michelle Trail, Operations Utility Staff
 - Missy Lyon, BMS Special Education Teacher
 - Nate Will, Transportation Supervisor
 - Stacey Denison, Ottawa Principal
 - Stacey Lee, BMS Special Education Teacher
 - Vicki Toms, Moccasin Paraprofessional
 - Moccasin Food Drive to Benefit Redbud Area Ministries
 - Buchanan Middle School has purchased portable bleachers to be able to host athletic games.
 - PRESENTATIONS
 - School Highlight – Mr. Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal presented to the board.
 - 98B Goal Reporting – Mr. Mark Kurland, Assistant Superintendent presented to the board.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.
- Read the full minutes [**HERE**](#).

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Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

Mission: Educating students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical and social/emotional lives.

Vision: To develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

Beliefs: We Believe in providing a safe, supportive, respectful environment, opportunities for all students (options), student growth and achievement, and cooperative relationships among students, families, stakeholders and community members.

"We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

There is a time for regular public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item H. If you wish to make a presentation to the Board, please fill out the Speaker Card and pass it to the Board President before item H on the agenda.

Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!"

Members of the public may contact members of the school board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the board. These items will also be shared with the Superintendent.

- Dr. Harvey Burnett, President – hburnett@buchananschools.com
- Ruth Writer, Vice-President – rwriter@buchananschools.com
- Kelly Laesch, Secretary – klaesch@buchananschools.com
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- Katie Berry, Trustee – kberry@buchananschools.com
- Dr. Scott Carlin, Trustee – scarlin@buchananschools.com
- Jennie Brackett, Trustee – jbrackett@buchananschool.com

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Upon request to Michelle Munyon, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meeting.

Past Event – Buchanan Bands and Choirs at District



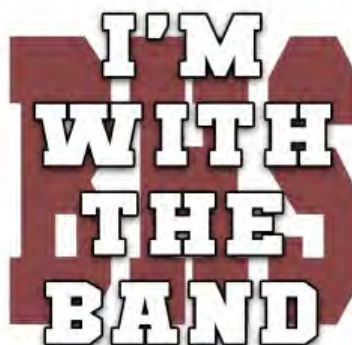
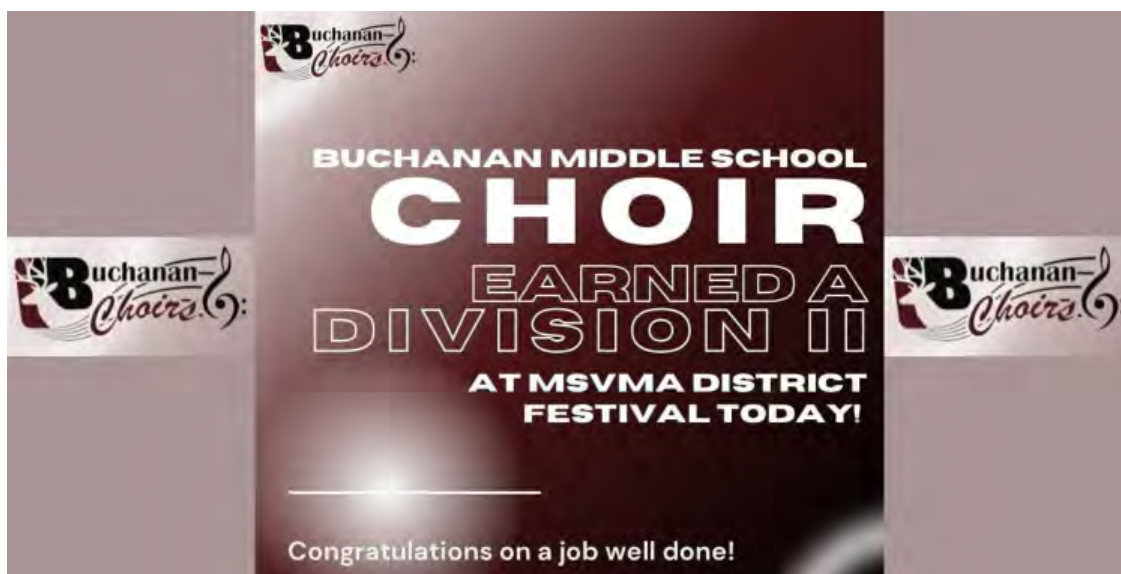
Buchanan Bands and Buchanan Choirs at District

Submitted by Deanna Russell, Buchanan Band and Choir Director

Buchanan Bands: Your Buchanan Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Band earned Straight Division I ratings at MSBOA District Festival Today (Thursday, March 9)! Not only that, but the students earned all As and a B!

Buchanan Choirs: On Saturday, February 04, High school choir went to district solo and ensemble festival and earned a division II rating. Middle school choir went to district choral festival on Tuesday, February 28, and earned a division II rating. Both Choirs received fantastic comments from both the presiding, clinicians, & several district directors in attendance.





About Buchanan Bands: The Buchanan Band program serves students grades 6-12, and is an integral part of the school district and community. The band's rich history evokes a deep sense of pride for both current members and alumni. Serving over 175 students district wide, the Buchanan Bands continue to provide musically-minded students a dynamic education in music, offering instruction in most wind and percussion instruments. Students experiencing the program in it's entirety will have a myriad of performance opportunities afforded them. School concerts, festivals, competitions, Solo and Ensemble, honors bands, and guest clinicians to name a few.

Director: Mrs. Deanna Russell

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Local Faith – BAMA Meeting March 2023



March BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap

Submitted by Rachel Holloway

Hi Everyone!

Thank you to Jan and Dave for hosting us! It was a fabulous morning!

Those in attendance were Brendan Shea, Dan Barz, Jan and Dave Mitchell, Lyndon, Kevin Haislip, Bill Walters, Patti Mitchell and Rebecka Hoyt.

Dave started with devotion and prayer.

Reports:

- Dan reported that we still have to cut checks to RAM and Life Plan. He talked about writing one to RAM that Tuesday and Life Plan when he was going to be in Niles this coming Tuesday. We also have \$1982.45 in the account. Dan asked what we should possibly do with it since we only have usually \$200 in our account. Lyndon suggested possibly using some money and possibly investing it back to ourselves to sharpen our own "wealth of knowledge". Whether that's reading some sort of book together or attending a conference together. He said we can always learn and that change is ok.
- Bill reported for RAM. In the month of February they gave away 22,000 lbs of food and assisted with \$23,000 in utilities. But only \$9,000 came in for the month. He reported that the art program was cut. The one person who ran it retired and they are looking to maybe partner with the Art Center. He also reported that they have been relooking at their mission statement and getting back to what it really means.
- Lyndon reported for Life Plan. He reported 78 in attendance for the True Charity event. A few people reflected on it. He also reported that they now have a South Bend location on Mishawaka Ave just a few blocks from Adam's High School! God is so good!
- Dan reported that his church will be doing a short 9a service and their regular 7p service on Good Friday. The combined service will be on April 7th at 6p at the Nazarene Church. There was talk about another email coming out to see who may be interested in helping.

- Rachel reported that the vote at FUMC went 34-3-3 in favor of splitting from the UMC denomination. LOTS more ahead of us as we still do not have a replacement pastor yet.

Upcoming Events:

- National Day of Prayer is May 4th at Noon. I still don't think there is anyone to lead and there were so many suggested ideas of where to have it that we didn't decide where to have it.
- Baccalaureate is Sunday May 21st at 2p at Bills church. Dave reported he's trying to get Bud Holmes to talk to the seniors.
- We also know it's a ways off but Dan suggested that we have the next Christmas Carol Sing at BCC not knowing what the future holds for FUMC.

Lyndon had the closing prayer.

Next meeting:

- Tuesday, April 4th at 9:00 am at the Lutheran Church.

*If your church or club would like to highlight your meetings/events, please email us at:

buchananchronicle@att.net



About Buchanan Area Ministerial Association: This group is made of different churches in Buchanan. Their page is a great way to stay up to date on different events BAMA is hosting, but more importantly it is a great way to see how God is moving in Buchanan.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BAMACHurches/

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Local Opinion – Dogs and Responsibility

OPINION

Pick Up After Your Dog

Submitted by Steve Raglin

There are many new residents and visitors to downtown Buchanan and everyone seems to have a dog. Please be a good human, respect others, and pick up after your dog!

~ Steve Raglin, Buchanan

The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for public opinion to be heard. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submitted opinions as received.

OPINION

City Commission Regular Meetings • Agenda: 02/13/23



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Agendas by City Clerk Kalla Langston

All completed City Commission Meeting Minutes available to read on the City of Buchanan website [HERE](#).

Please note that a few highlights from the latest City Commission Meeting Agendas are posted below. At the end of each agenda's highlights, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of that meeting.

Also, meeting minutes may not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they become available.

Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission • Monday, February 13, 2023 – 7pm

- Meeting Highlights:
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon.
 - Scheduled Matters from the Floor Included:
 - Corridor Improvement Authority – Discussion of establishing a Corridor Improvement Authority.
 - Reports by Departments, Committees, Boards Included:
 - Community Development Report – Director Richard Murphy
 - (1) Ross-Sanders House Project update
 - (2) City-owned Residential Properties update
 - (3) 111 Railroad/Baroda Tire Demolition update
 - (4) Honor Credit Union Project update
 - (5) Victory Park Pavilion update
 - (6) Front St. authorization for easements for the downtown reconstruction project
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.
- Read the original agenda [HERE](#) (page 1).
- Read the full minutes [HERE](#) (page 3).

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About The City of Buchanan City Commission: The City operates under the Commission–Manager form of government as prescribed by the City Charter. Under this model the City Manager is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the City, with the Buchanan City Commission's main function being legislative and setting important policies that chart the future course of Buchanan. The City Commission is made up of five (5) members who serve four (4) year terms. The Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem are selected at the first meeting in November following the City election. Current City Manager: Heather Grace ~ Current Mayor: Sean Denison.

- City Commission Meetings:

- Meetings are held at City Hall on the **second** and **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless it is a holiday and then the meeting is the next business day. Residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- The Agenda is posted in the cabinet by the entrance to City Hall the Friday before a Monday Meeting.
- Recorded meeting sessions can be viewed on the City's YouTube Channel:
 - Current meetings: **Buchanan City**
 - Meetings prior to October 2021: **City of Buchanan, MI.**

www.cityofbuchanan.com/citycommission

- Typical Hours at City Hall:

- Monday – Thursday : 9am-4pm
- Friday : 9am-1pm

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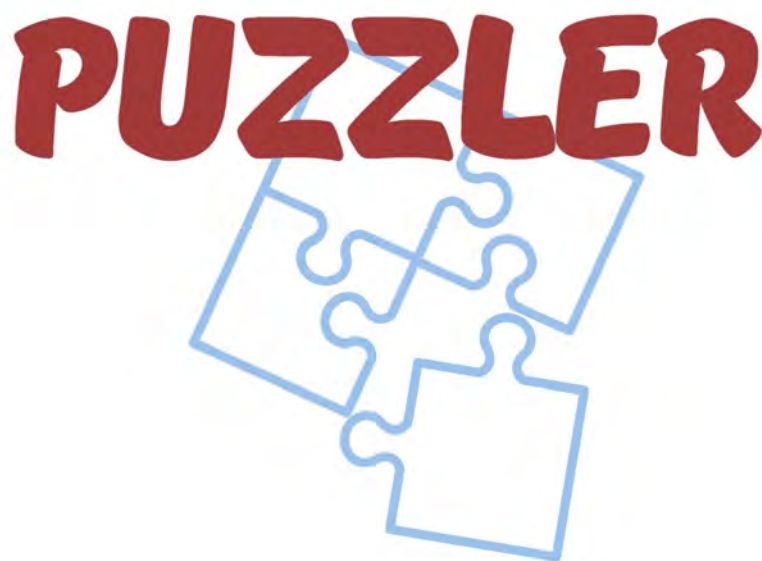
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Puzzler Page – Issue 48



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by Garrick Stubblefield

Hello all and I hope you all have been having fun with the puzzles I've been doing for you and the chronicle. It has been a very good experience for me to do them because if you remember all these puzzles are coming from my head. I'm excited to introduce you to a couple of new ones. I will continue to put you in the thinking mode. If you're interested in getting a whole series of them please contact me by phone and leave a message. My number is 269-256-0547. My proceeds go as follows: 40% goes to the chronicle 40% goes to our local veterans and 20% goes to offset the supply cost. 1-\$1.50 / 3-\$4 / 6-\$7.50 / 12-\$10. Also if you can text me at this number and give me your feedback. I will continue to make these puzzles for you to enjoy. Thank you for the support.

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING THE WORD

- Instructions:
 - You'll be given a 3, 4, 5, or 6 letter word.
 - The object of the puzzle is to remove one letter each step, making a new word each time.
 - After a letter is removed you cannot reuse it.
 - Abbreviations do count. As in the English dictionary, there are 2 letter words that count, such as PI, AR, KA, KI, ER; however acronyms do not count.
 - You may rearrange the letters each step to create your new word.
- Words:

- 6 Letter –
 - SCREAM
 -
 -
 -
 -
 -

- 5 Letter –
 - SMART
 -
 -
 -

- 4 Letter –
 - TART
 -
 -
 -

- 3 Letter –
 - ARK
 -
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As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at garrickstubblefield@gmail.com. He will check and respond as quickly as he can. One possible set of answers is on Page 2 – Puzzles Answer Page.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

- Instructions:
 - Riddles below are clues to State or Capital names.
- Clues:
 - STATES:
 - This State may carry a special METAL to complete it and make steel: ____ .
 - CAPITALS:
 - This Capital may host “The Masters” in PGA Golf, but in the wrong state: ____ .

PUZZLE 3 – CRACK THE CODE

- Instructions:
 - Beginning with a given three digit number, you will follow along each step and end with a different three digit number as your answer.
- Code:

1. CHANGE THE 1 TO A 7;
2. CHANGE THE 2 TO A 3;
3. CHANGE THE 8 TO A 1;
4. THE FINAL 3 DIGIT CODE IS: The Date is very green and celebrated as St Patrick's Day.

PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- Instructions:
 - See if you can find the 4-letter words I found:
 - 3-4 you're doing good
 - 5-6 catching up to me
 - 7-more fantastic
- Quote:
 - **TURN AROUND AND WALK THE OTHER WAY**

5-Letter Words:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

4-Letter Words:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

3-Letter Words:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE OR MOVIE TITLE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
 - Quote: **BEETLEJUICE**
- Clues:

1. This CRITTER likes to make us HONEY: ____.
2. You can press FRUITS to make ____.
3. There is a VEGETABLE in this movie: ____.
4. You can FLY in one of these: ____.
5. When you SMILE someone might say you have a ____ SMILE.

PUZZLE 6 – ANAGRAM WORDS

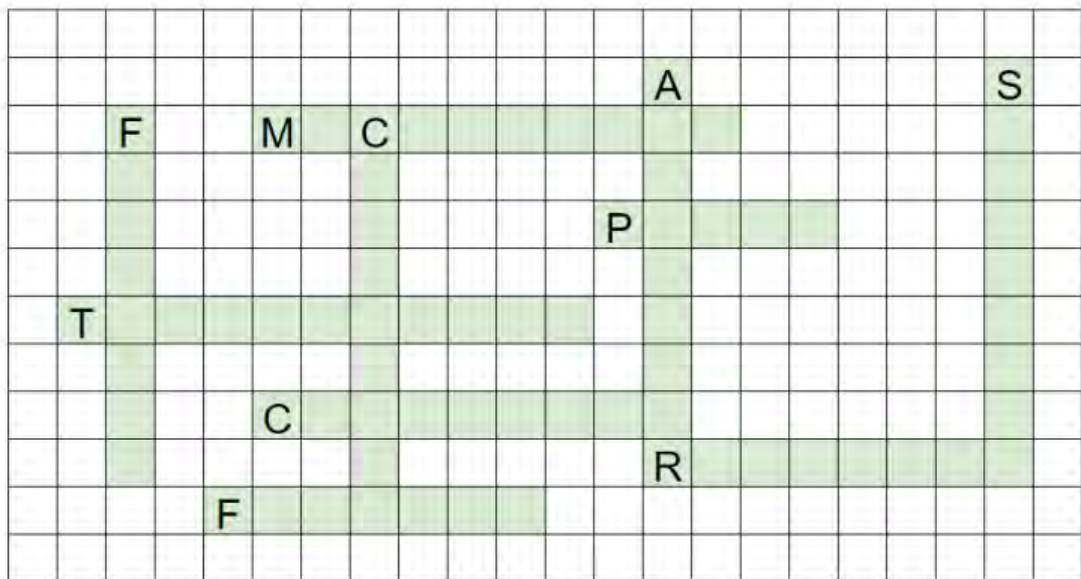
- Instructions:
 - Simply rearrange the provided word to make another word or words.
 - Examples: car ~ arc, rate ~ tear
- Clues:
 - ART ~ ____
 - READ ~ ____
 - RELAY ~ ____
 - SNIPER ~ ____
 - TRASHED ~ ____

PUZZLE 7 – ANIMAL COLLECTIONS

- Instructions:
 - Do you know the collective noun for each animal when its in a group?
 - Examples: PRIDE of lions, GAGGLE of geese
- Clues:
 - G _ _ G of ELK
 - B _ _ I N _ _ of FERRETS
 - _ K _ _ K of FOXES

PUZZLE 8 – BOXGRAM

- Instructions:
 - Fill the shaded boxes to complete all the answers that go with the clue.
 - We've given you the beginning letters of each answer.
- Clue: TYPES OF PASTA. (find 10 words)

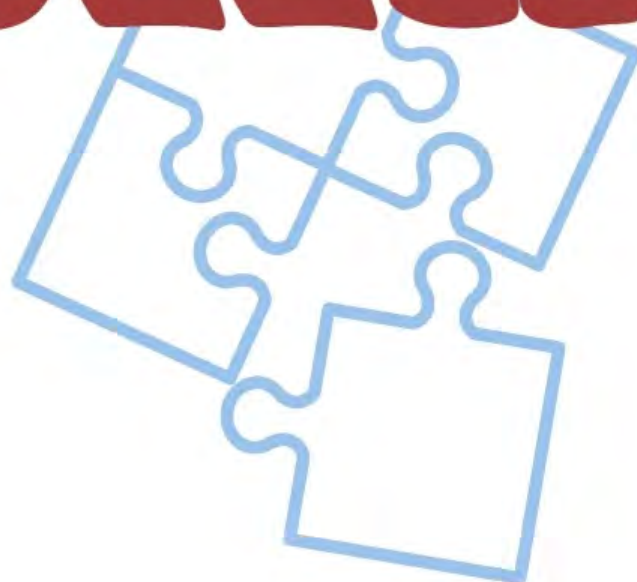


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Thank you for playing along with our puzzles in this issue!

Follow to Page 2 next for all the Answers!

PUZZLER



Puzzles 48 – Answer Page

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 - CREAM
 - MARE
 - ARE
 - AR
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PUZZLE 3 – CRACK THE CODE

281 to 317

PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- Quote: **TURN AROUND AND WALK THE OTHER WAY**

5-Letter Words:

1. ROUND
2. OTHER
3. LAYER
4. WHALE
5. WRATH

4-Letter Words:

1. WALK
2. TALK
3. HAWK
4. WART
5. HEAT

3-Letter Words:

1. LAW
2. AND
3. WAY
4. KEY
5. THE

PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
 - **BEETLEJUICE**
- 1. This CRITTER likes to make us HONEY: **BEE**.
- 2. You can press FRUITS to make **JUICE**.
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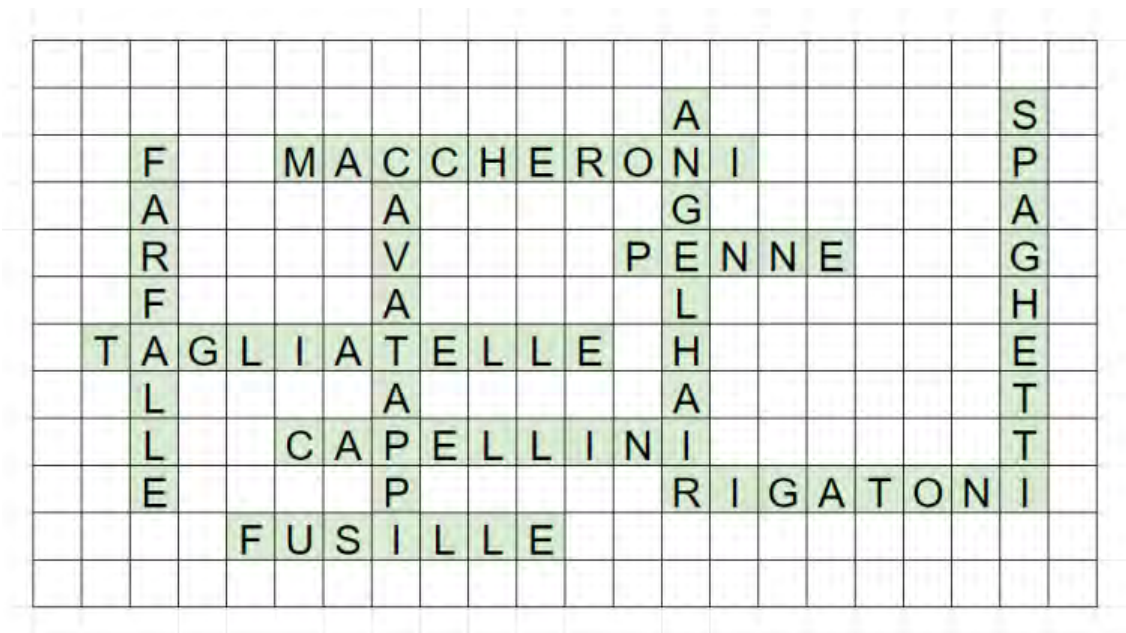
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 - SNIPER ~ RIPENS, REPINS
 - TRASHED ~ THREADS, HATREDS, HARDSET, HARDEST, DEARTHS

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Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 48



A Trip to Our Local Family Dollar

by Garrick Stubblefield

My wife, the grandkids, and myself went to Family Dollar to do some shopping. As we were in the car, the older grandkid Robert yelled to me and said, "I got \$1 dollar to spend and I know what I want." And I replied back and said, "Good for you, and if you behave then I will double your amount." Robert replied back, "Thanks, grandpa."

So, Glen, the youngest of the two, asked what he gets for being good. I thought with no hesitation and said, "You can have 50 cents." Glen was so happy he bragged to his brother saying he had more money than him as 50 is more than 2! After he found out that he didn't actually have as much as his brother he replied by saying to grandpa, "You're cheap, grandpa." And I replied back, "It's better than nothing."

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Name	Age	Born	Died
Susan Tarbutton	67	March 16, 1955	March 12, 2023
Libbie Hanson	77	January 3, 1946	March 11, 2023
Joyce Elaine Holt	88	November 13, 1934	March 11, 2023
Dr. Carol H. Sawyer	78	May 27, 1944	March 11, 2023
Shirley A. Lemay	90	July 6, 1932	March 9, 2023
Patricia Jean Sheeler Mahlka	83	April 14, 1939	March 8, 2023
Alfred Eugene Eaton	86	January 16, 1937	March 7, 2023
Paulette Kay Sargent	74	February 2, 1949	March 5, 2023
Marilyn E. Streicher	86	January 28, 1937	March 3, 2023
Margarete Rohl	102	July 6, 1920	March 2, 2023
Robert "Rob" M. La Mar II	62	September 21, 1960	March 1, 2023
Billy Ray Moore	61	May 2, 1961	February 28, 2023

We wish to respectfully honor the memory of anyone we lose in the Buchanan community. Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list.

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A Note from the Editor – Issue 48



A Note from the Editor – Issue 48

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Welcome to our second anniversary of our first issue! Time has gone by so fast it doesn't even feel like it has been two years. During that time, our team has brought informative stories that matter to our community and those around us. And now, as many of you know, we are on our way to our first quarterly printed issue! We are planning for that to come out around mid-late June this year and yes we are still keeping our regular digital issues.

Our printed issues survey is still open for you to partake in for a couple more weeks. Whether you want a printed issue or not, we would like to know the amount of issues we will have to print and have available in some of our local businesses. This will greatly help us know how our community and readers will want their Buchanan news! So go to [our website here](#) to take the survey please. Feel free to share it with your friends, family and neighbors. We will also keep you updated when it's time to sign up for a subscription.

For the student events during the month of March in our community, The Buchanan Chronicle would like to congratulate the 6-8 grade girls Floor Hockey Team #25 The Buchanan Chronicle on a great season as well as to all of the other Floor Hockey teams! We would also like to congratulate the Boys and Girls Buchanan High School Basketball teams for making it into the semi and quarter-finals games. The girls team are our District and Regional Champions. Megahurtz Robotics came in 14th place at the First Robotics Competition at St. Joseph High School. The High School State Powerlifting Competition took 3rd place. Then on the musical side, Buchanan Middle School Choir went to District Choral Festival for the first time in over 14 years and earned a division II rating; and the Buchanan High School Choir attended District Solo and Ensemble Festival while earning a division II rating. Both the Middle and High School Bands received a division I rating at District Festival. So a busy month for many students, but a great month indeed!

I have to give a shout out to my great team who care deeply for each other and bring great ideas to us. Also to those in and around our community who send us newsworthy articles, we really appreciate it and we couldn't do it without you. I hope you will enjoy reading this issue and please share it with others so those in our community will know more of what is going on in Buchanan, MI – the nicest place in America.

Happy Reading,
Rebecka Hoyt

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